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Agriculture

Levy of duty by His Exalted Highness the Nizam's Government on rice exported from this Province.

* 540 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI :—" Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any reply from the Government of His Exalted Highness the Nizam on the matter referred to in answer to question No. 322, dated 3rd November 1933; and

(*b*) whether they have addressed the Government of India on the question of negotiating the modification of the commercial treaty of 1802 with His Exalted Highness the Nizam by the removal of 5 per cent duty on rice?

A.—(*a*) His Exalted Highness the Nizam's Government are still considering the matter.

(*b*) No.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI :—" May I ask why the Government have not mentioned this matter and addressed a letter to the Government of India? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" Unless we know what the Government of His Exalted Highness the Nizam has to say in the matter, we cannot do anything."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI :—" My question is about the removal of the 5 per cent duty on rice? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" We are awaiting the reply of the Nizam's Government."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know when correspondence was started with the Nizam's Government on this point? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" I cannot say off-hand."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether any reply has been received? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" The printed answer contains the information."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" The answer says that the Nizam's Government are still considering the matter. My question is whether any reply has been received? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" I am afraid I cannot add anything to what has already been said."

Measures for improving the level of prices of paddy and other agricultural produce.

* 541 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state categorically what specific steps have been taken till now and what proposals are still